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For. **BUSHING FOR CRAWLER BELT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE**

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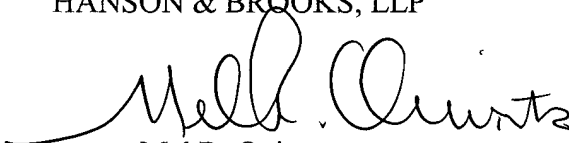
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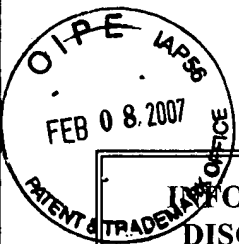
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